

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.**

**Listing of claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A rubber composition for ~~tyre~~ tire treads, which comprises (A) 100 parts by weight of a diene rubber comprising at least 35 % by weight of a styrene-butadiene rubber, (B) 5 to 50 parts by weight of clay having a particle size of 0.5 to 10 $\mu$ m, (C) at least 5 parts by weight of silica having a nitrogen absorption specific surface area of 100 to 300 m<sup>2</sup>/g and (D) at least 1 parts by weight of carbon black having a nitrogen absorption specific surface area of 70 to 300 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and has a total amount of (B) clay and (C) silica of at least 30 parts by weight and a total amount of (B) clay, (C) silica and (D) carbon black of at most 100 parts by weight.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. The rubber composition for ~~tyre~~ tire treads of claim 1, which comprises (E) a silane-coupling agent.

4. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic ~~tyre~~ tire, which has a tread made of the rubber composition of claim 1.

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic ~~tyre~~ tire, which has a tread made of the rubber composition of claim 3.